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Re: Request For Status Information

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This letter is to request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office provide all available status information, as provided for in 37 CFR 1.14, on the following U.S. patent application, which was referred to in the following published PCT application designating the United States: PCT/US97/21248.

Specifically, please provide the following information:

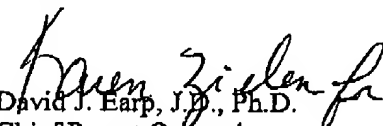
1. The current status of the referenced application.
2. The filing date, serial numbers and current status of any applications that claim the benefit of the referenced application.

The referenced application is as follows:

U.S. 08/951,733

A copy of the cover page of the PCT application is attached.

Very truly yours,

  
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